## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to 24 CFR Part 91, notice is given that a draft Consolidated Plan (CP) for program year 2005-06 has been prepared by the Housing and Community Development Corporation of Hawaii (HCDCH), Department of Human Services, State of Hawaii. In addition to making copies of the proposed CP available for review and comment, the State will hold a public hearing to solicit public comments.

The CP describes the State's housing needs, funding plans, and certified program compliance with the CP, HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) programs.

The CP's purpose is to ensure that jurisdictions receiving federal assistance plan for the housing and related needs of low- and moderate-income families in a way that improves the availability and affordability of decent, safe, and sanitary housing in suitable living environments. To receive funding under certain U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) programs, the State must have a housing strategy that has been approved by HUD.

The State anticipates receiving \$3,718,451 in HUD funding through the HOME, ESG, and HOPWA programs in 2005-06. These HUD programs provide funding to expand the supply of affordable housing for low- and moderate-income families, restrict increases in homelessness, and provide preventative programs and activities for the homeless in the State.

The proposed CP consists of 1) the State's housing and homeless needs assessment and housing market analysis 2) a strategic plan to address the provision of affordable housing, prevention of homelessness, responding to the special needs of Hawaii residents, and resources available to meet the needs and 3) an action plan including the resources (federal, private, and public funds) available, description of the State's method for distributing funds to local governments and non-profit organizations to carry out activities to address the priority of needs.

Copies of the proposed CP are available for public viewing at regional libraries and on the HCDCH's website at http://www.hcdch.hawaii.gov. Copies may also be picked up at the agencies listed below between the hours of 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Interested persons may call Medy Esmena at 587-0634; Neighbor Island residents may call toll free at the numbers listed below to be mailed copies:

Kauai 274-3141, ext. 70634 Hawaii 974-4000, ext. 70634

Maui 984-2400, ext. 70634 Molokai and Lanai 1-800-468-4644, ext. 70634

## **AGENCIES:**

Office of Housing and Community Development 50 Wailuku Drive, Hilo, Hawaii

Department of Housing and Human Concerns 86 Kamehameha Avenue, Kahului, Maui Kauai County Housing Agency 4193 Hardy Street, Lihue, Kauai

Housing and Community Development Corporation of Hawaii 677 Queen Street, Suite 300 Honolulu, Hawaii, Oahu

Housing and Community Development Corporation of Hawaii 1002 North School Street, Bldg. J Honolulu, Hawaii, Oahu

Interested persons are invited to state their views on the proposed CP in writing prior to May 5, 2005, to HCDCH at the aforementioned address. Written comments may be submitted via fax to (808) 587-0600 by 4:30 p.m. on May 5, 2005. Interested persons are also invited to attend the public hearing and provide comments on the proposed CP either orally or in writing. Please make five copies of written testimony available to the presiding officer at the hearing. All comments received will be considered in preparing the final State CP.

The public hearing will be held on Thursday, May 5, 2005, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at HCDCH, 677 Queen Street, Suite 300, Honolulu, Oahu.

Persons will special needs (e.g., large print, taped materials, sign language interpreter, or translator) shall make all requests to HCDCH by calling 587-0634 and from the neighbor islands toll free at the numbers listed above for access and communication assistance or by written request at least five (5) days before the public hearing.

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